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**From:** Kaitlyn Watts (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Mon 7/2/2012 6:46:26 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Interested in interview regarding Pavillion  
<http://www.epa.gov/region8/superfund/wy/pavillion/graycol.gif>

Dear Mr. Mylott,

I appreciate your immediate response to my email earlier in last week. Although the website provides substantial information in regards to Pavillion, I am seeking answers to other questions, such as:

1. Why has the EPA chosen to use CERCLA over RCRA?
2. Why has the EPA chosen to extend the public comment period and peer review process, not once but twice?
3. Given that land owners around the country have voiced complaints over contaminated water near areas of hydraulic fracturing, why did the Region 8 EPA move forward with testing at the Pavillion site?
4. What prompted the resampling of the 2 monitoring wells that the EPA installed and sampled in Pavillion in 2010?

Is it standard practice to defer interviews during the public comment period? If so, I understand. However, I have a very limited amount of time to conduct the research for my MA thesis and the EPA perspective is critical to the project (and to understanding the case at all). Recognizing the constraints on your time, if an in person interview really is not an option, would you be available for a brief phone interview or would you be willing to respond to the above questions via email? Or is there someone else that you could refer me to in your offices?

Again, I appreciate your speedy response and your time and work on this issue—

Sincerely,

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From: Richard Mylott [Myllott.Richard@epamail.epa.gov]  
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Subject: Re: Interested in interview regarding Pavillion

Hi Kaitlyn-- thanks for your email. We appreciate your interest. EPA is currently in the midst of a public comment period focused on the draft Pavillion report we released last fall. We are currently collecting additional data from Pavillion area wells in coordination with the USGS, local Tribes, and the State of Wyoming. These data and the draft report will be open for public comment through October. Following the public comment period, the report and data will be peer reviewed by a panel of independent scientists. While these public and peer review activities are pending, we are limiting interviews and relying on the Pavillion website to provide access to documents and other information related to our activities. Please check our website frequently, as we will post additional info as it becomes available.

<http://www.epa.gov/region8/superfund/wy/pavillion/>

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Kaitlyn Watts ---06/25/2012 10:09:02 AM---Dear Mr. Mylott My name is Kaitlyn Watts and I am a graduate student at The University of Wyoming. I

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Dear Mr. Mylott

My name is Kaitlyn Watts and I am a graduate student at The University of Wyoming. I am conducting research for my master's thesis on the relationship between people's perception of an environmental conflict and the strategies they use to persuade public policy. The case study that I am using to further investigate this issue is the conflict in Pavillion, WY over hydraulic fracturing and the potential for water contamination.

I understand that you have had a degree of involvement in this issues, and I would be interested in hearing about your perspective. I am conducting interviews of all actors involved in this conflict to gain a sense of the multiple perspectives involved. Would you have the time and be willing to share your perspective on this issue in an interview?

Please feel free to contact me via email or phone number, which ever is most convenient for you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
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